CELEBRATION ISSUE

Watch Ingersoll!

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We welcomed the U. S. Maritime Service Band to *Ingersoll*

Everybody happy. Patty Blum, Phyllis Benson, The General, Lillian Hamilton, Velma Bellemore
Bottom — Shirley Morse, Kay Howard, Alice Wrinn and Eleanor McGrath

The audience poured down the stairway, ready to go to the work-a-day world

The Red Cross was on hand

Bringing 7,000 people together on time was a big job for Transportation Committeemen Kelly, Davidson, Burns and Heuer

After the audience had gone . . .

A good time was had by all!

Down we came, seven thousand strong

Flags flying proudly in the breeze, a blue sky dotted with lazy clouds, all around the friendly, rolling, wooded hills of Connecticut; this was the dramatic backdrop for the impressive ceremony when *Ingersoll* was awarded the Army-Navy "E" Pennant on the roof of our Middlebury Plant, August 24th.

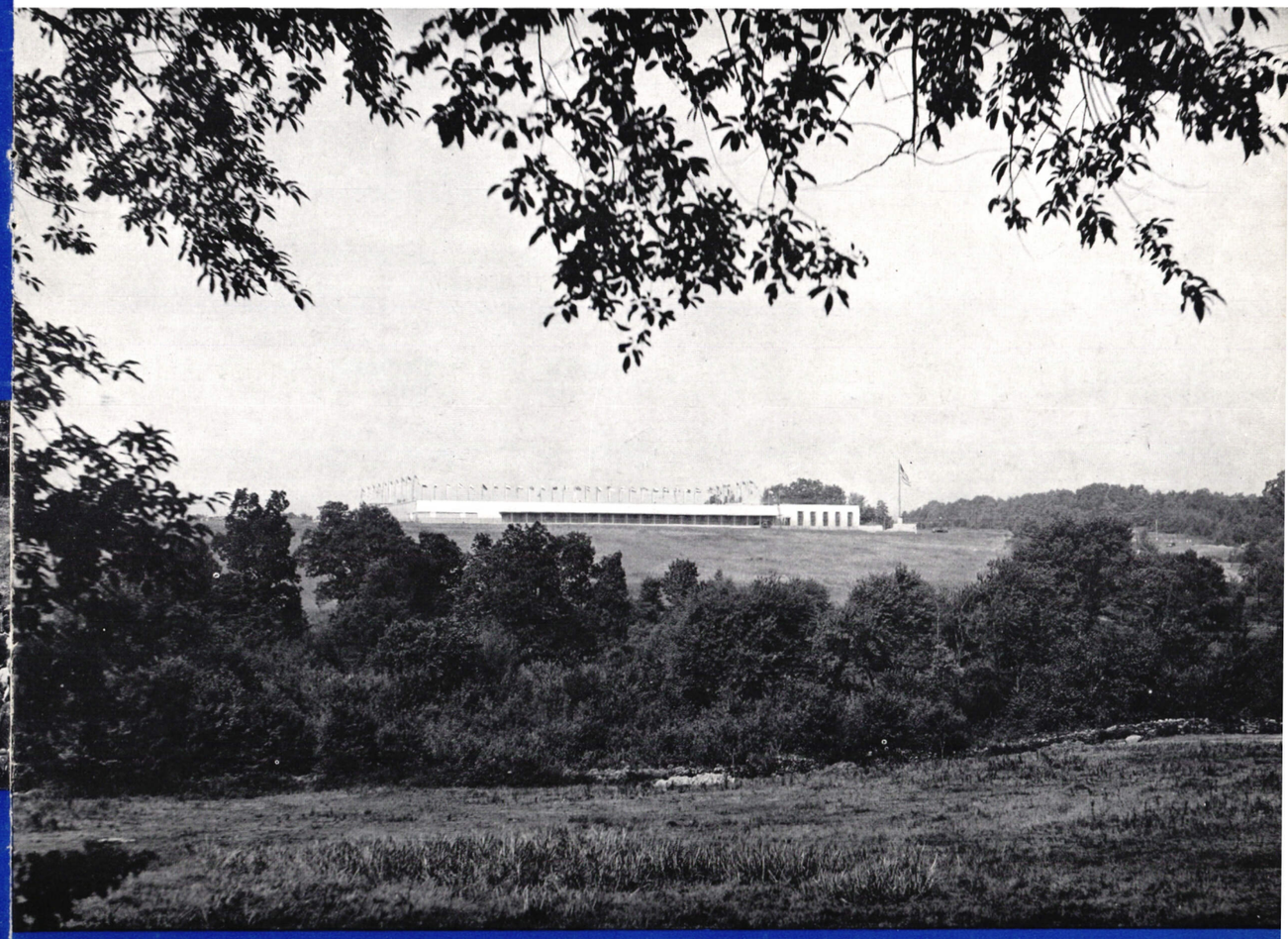
There was a surge of breathless anticipation as all of us stood at attention while the band played our national anthem. One felt the deep pride in the honor and privilege that is ours.

"Men and women of *Ingersoll*, this is truly your day . . ." And so it was. A day to be remembered.

Ingersoll veterans of many years, newcomers of just a few short months, each felt personally addressed, felt the individual responsibility of continued effort and toil!

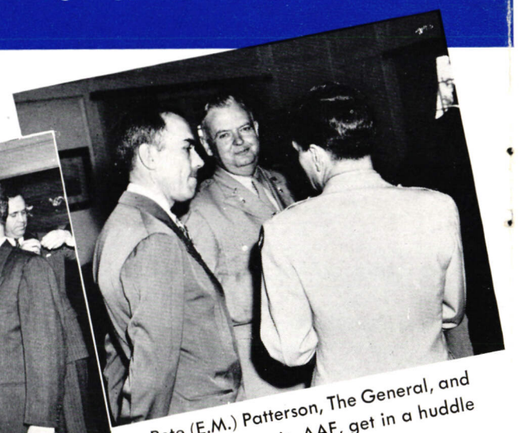
In that typically American audience every nation, race, color and creed was represented. It was in every sense a thrilling picture of American ideals at work!

This Celebration Issue of *Watch Ingersoll!* tells the story as it happened, the story of August 24th, that memorable day when the men and women of *Ingersoll* were awarded the coveted and cherished Army-Navy "E" Pennant.



GREETING THE GUESTS

Smiles were broad—Comdr. R. G. Lowry, RN; Lt. Comdr. J. Douglas Gessford, USN; Col. P. Gostling, BMS; Brig. Gen. Burton O. Lewis, USA; J. Lehmkuhl; P. Godart



Pete (E.M.) Patterson, The General, and Major L. E. Lewis, AAF, get in a huddle

George Sundstrom, John B. Kennedy, Major L. E. Lewis, AAF, Ed Hull, J. R. Putnam have a cordial chat preliminary to the award ceremonies

The story must be good — J. Lehmkuhl, Major Paul Wilks, USA, and Jack Ivory

Jack Ivory and Ed. Carmody, greet each other on a great day

CONGRATULATIONS

Showers of Congratulations! In the foreground, left to right — Harald Mueller, Thomas Shields, Ernest H. Meile, H. J. Devaud, Talbot Babcock, J. Lehmkuhl

*John B. Kennedy** — About 4 months ago, I was on the Battlefield of Gettysburg, to broadcast the reunion of the armies of the North and the South, and I gazed around at those old veterans of that now picturesque battlefield and reflected on the bloody day General Sherman reviewed it, and where the army of the South, as a matter of fact, had gone to capture the shoe factory, because their soldiers were ill shod. In that little town of Gettysburg of 4000 people, around which the battle raged, just one civilian was killed, and that was the niece of General Meade, the Northern General, who in her enthusiasm to greet him stepped into a Confederate bullet. Think of the war, think of the battlefield of Gettysburg, think that General Sherman could say "War is Hell". What would Sherman call it now? When it isn't women and children to safety, but first to slaughter, when we are fighting in Japan and Germany the most vicious, pagan murderers the world has ever known.

We fought the last war to make it safe for democracy, and it didn't. We are not making the precious sacrifice of men, the less precious sacrifice of treasure, to make the world safe for democracy. This time we are fighting to make the world safe for something far more fundamental, to make it safe for decency, and I am going to ask the band to lead us in the singing of *God Bless America.*

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The last strains floated out over the green hills . . .

The audience broke loose . . .

"What a ceremony."

"What a celebration."

"Fine speeches, no small talk."

"Most impressive ceremony I've ever attended."

Praise on all sides, everybody was happy and satisfied.

As the large audience left the roof one felt that the inspiration gained would give a big lift through the busy war days ahead, that when Ingersoll records are examined six months hence a white star will be added to our "E" Pennant.

Before the last car had disappeared over the hill men were busy taking down chairs. Yes, the chairs could go, flags be lowered, but the picture of that vast audience standing at attention during the playing of our national anthem, the spontaneous laugh that one heard from time to time, the look on the faces of our men and women . . . these things will not be taken down.

The memory will linger and when history is written the name Ingersoll will have a nation's benediction, "Well done."

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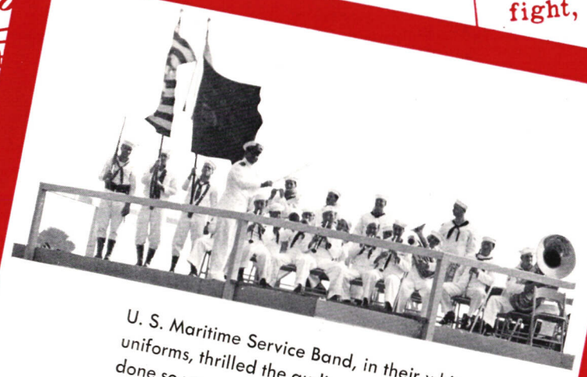
Home of the Brave



U. S. Maritime Service Band, in their white uniforms, thrilled the audience as they had done so recently on the stage at Radio City

Our guests and the audience rose to the singing of "God Bless America"

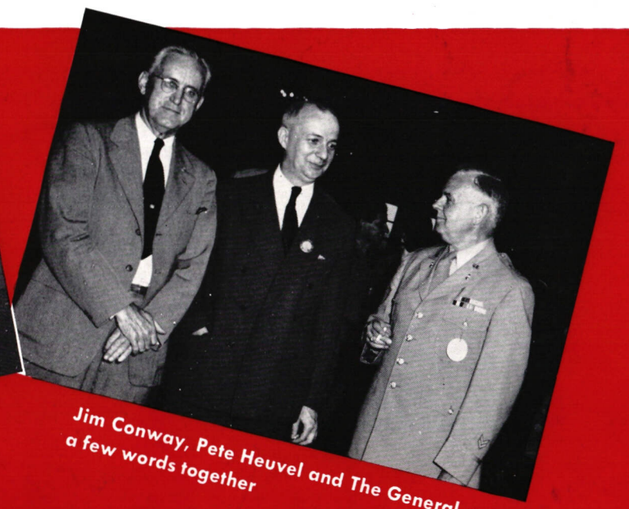
The General congratulates our "old timers" — Sadie Frisbie, General Lewis, Laura McGinn, Tom Parke, Sr. and Quirin Straub

P. Godart tells one to John B. Kennedy, Lt. Richard S. Aldrich, USNR, and our President — an appreciative audience

The Commander warms up — Jack Ivory, Lt. Comdr. Gessford, USN, J. Lehmkuhl, Lt. Aldrich, USNR, and P. Godart

Pete Patterson and Major Lewis exchange ideas in a brief meeting. The subject could possibly be communications

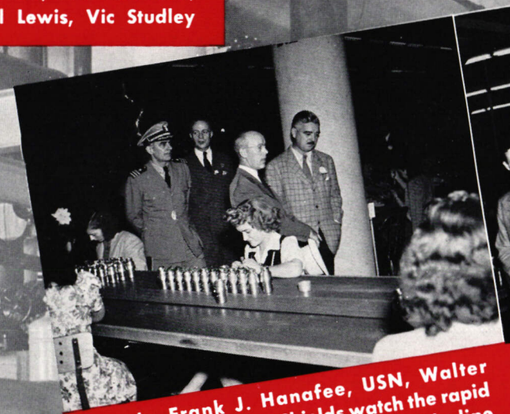
An interested foursome — Ed. Carmody, Tom Parke, Sr., Tom Junior, and Quirin Straub



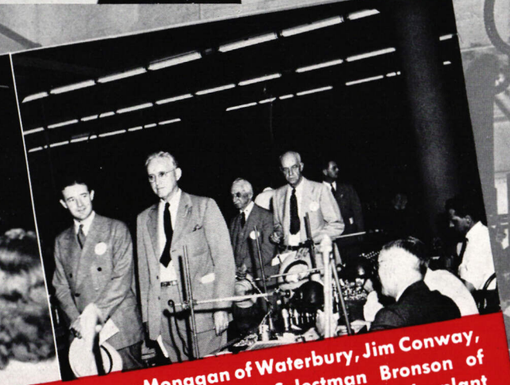
Jim Conway, Pete Heuvel and The General enjoy a few words together

PLANT TOUR

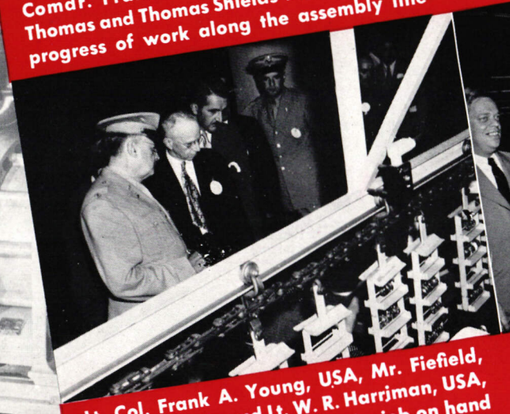
J. Lehmkuhl, Pete Patterson, General Lewis, Vic Studley



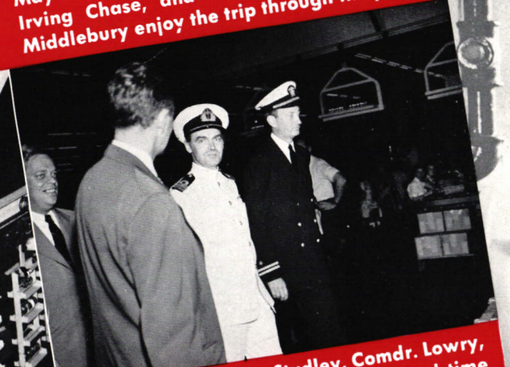
Comdr. Frank J. Hanafee, USN, Walter Thomas and Thomas Shields watch the rapid progress of work along the assembly line



Mayor Monagan of Waterbury, Jim Conway, Irving Chase, and Selectman Bronson of Middlebury enjoy the trip through the plant



Lt. Col. Frank A. Young, USA, Mr. Fiefield, Ernest H. Meile and Lt. W. R. Harrjman, USA, are more than interested in the job on hand



Pat (C.) Patterson, Vic Studley, Comdr. Lowry, RN, and Lt. Aldrich, USNR, had a good time "on tour," observed the Waterbury family

Sergeant Louis Pinckney was in the major battles of the African Campaign and the final drive for Tunisia. He was wounded, treated in the U. S. hospital in North Africa and awarded the Order of the Purple Heart, May 21, 1943. Shown here is Sergeant Pinckney presenting the pin to people of honor on the production front. They are Harry George, AFL; August Grigalot, CIO; and the company's oldest employes: Miss Laura McGinn, Mr. Thomas Parke, Sr., Miss Sadie Frisbie, Mr. Quirin Straub and Mr. J. Lehmkuhl, president of Ingersoll

I will read you a short poem, given me several days ago by Admiral Brenzer, inspector of Naval Materiel of the New York district:

> "The Lord gave us two ends to use: one to think with and one to sit on. The war depends upon which end you choose. Heads we win; tails we lose."

Let that burn into your memory, let that sear into your mind, and I defy any one of you when you think of taking a day, a half a day, or half an hour off, with that in your mind, to call yourself an American.

You have been thrilled with the fight, and the spirit and courage and the guts of the Russian people. That is the way to beat the Nazis. That is the spirit we must have in our fighting plants and in our production plants to beat Hitler and the Japs, the same as we have among the men in our fighting forces. We can do the same kind of a job that Russia has done, if you give us all you can and then give us more and more and more, because we need you, and by God, you need us.

We have made lots of mistakes, and we will probably make plenty more before we are through, but I promise you that if you give us the quantity and quality of materiel that we can reasonably expect from the greatest production force in the world, then I promise you the greatest mistake of all time will have been made the day when Adolph Schickelgruber began hanging people instead of hanging wallpaper.

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ACCEPTANCE OF "E" PINS

August Grigalot, Chairman CIO shop committee — On behalf of my fellow workers in the Waterbury Clock Company, I want to thank the Army and Navy for their recognition of the achievement gained by the hard work and long hours put in by every Ingersoll employe. The quota set by the management has been reached, thereby making all of us eligible to wear the Army-Navy "E" Pin. However, we do not feel that we can relax with a mere continuation of this quota as long as our sons, daughters, sweethearts and all those dear to us are "Over There" giving their lives so that we can continue to work and live as free Americans. The only quota that we will recognize will be the quota that spells victory — the victory we and all our allies are fighting and sacrificing for.

Sergeant Pinckney pinning "E" button on H. George, AFL